

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hajo RIECK et al. **Mail Stop PCT**  
Appl. No. : 10/541,846 (National Stage of PCT/De2003/004282)  
I. A. Filed : December 23, 2003  
For : METHOD FOR FIXING THE POSITION OF A PULL-TAB WITH A  
STEEP ANTI ROTATION DEVICE FORMED FROM THE PANEL OF A  
SHEET METAL COVER

**COVER LETTER**

**Mail Stop PCT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In order to comply with the requirements (copy enclosed) for the submission of an English translation of the International Application set forth in the Notification mailed February 14, 2006 which sets a two-month period of response until April 14, 2006 and being extended by one month to May 15, 2006 (being that May 14, 2006 falls on a Sunday), Applicants hereby submit:


- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- an English language translation of the international application as originally filed (9 pages of specification with abstract and 1 sheet of drawings);
- a Request for Extension of Time;
- a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment;

- one replacement drawing sheet;
- an Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited; and
- a check in the amount of \$250.00 of which \$130.00 is payment of the Non-English Specification fee and \$120.00 is payment of the extension.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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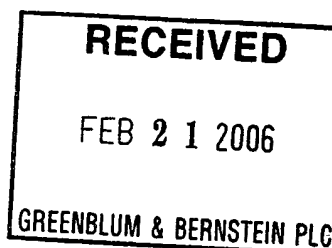


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/12/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/12/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/12/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/12/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/12/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/12/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

10/541,846

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE2003/004282INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
23 December 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
13 January 2003

## TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR FIXING THE POSITION OF A PULL-TAB WITH A STEEP ANTI ROTATION DEVICE FORMED FROM THE  
PANEL OF A SHEET METAL COVER

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Hajo RIECK, Richard CHALK, and Martin GRAY

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☐ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  
"Executed"
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. Assignee: BALL PACKAGING EUROPE GmbH, of Ratingen, Germany
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☒ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
18. ☐ Figure of Drawing to be published: 3a
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
22. ☒ Other items or information:  
Cover Letter.  
Request for Extension of Time.  
1 replacement drawing sheet..

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23 <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic national fee.....300.00				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
				\$ 0.00	
24 <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4).....100.00 All other situations.....200.00				\$ 0.00	
25 <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....400.00 All other situations.....500.00				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =				\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Fee for Specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$ 0.00	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	7 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 0.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (i)).				\$130.00	
Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$120.00				\$120.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$250.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$250.00	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the above fees is included. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO 2038. <b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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